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12. (Amended) The nonwoven laminate of claim 11 wherein the second component of the multicomponent meltblown fiber web comprises an elastic polyolefin.
13. (Amended) The nonwoven laminate of claim 11 wherein the second component of the multicomponent meltblown fiber web comprises a blend of a polyolefin and a non-olefin thermoplastic elastomer.
14. (Amended) The nonwoven laminate of claim 11 wherein the second component of the multicomponent meltblown fiber web comprises an elastic non-olefin thermoplastic elastomer.
15. (Amended) The nonwoven laminate of claim 11 wherein the second component of the multicomponent meltblown fiber web comprises a block copolymer having a styrenic moiety end block and an elastomeric mid-block.
16. (Twice amended) The nonwoven laminate of claim 3 further comprising a fourth layer comprising a nonwoven web of monocomponent polypropylene meltblown fibers and further wherein said fourth layer is located between said second and third layers and adjacent said first layer.
17. (Amended) The nonwoven laminate of claim 16 wherein the first polymeric component comprises a crystalline propylene polymer and wherein the second polymeric component comprises an amorphous propylene polymer.

Remarks

Claims 1-3 and 7-17 are presented for the Examiner's consideration. Claims 1-3 and 7-17 are drawn to a composite comprising three layers. No new claims have been added. Claims 7-17 have been amended to delete the first occurrence of the word "web" because Claims 7-17 are dependent, initially or ultimately, from claims reading "a nonwoven laminate" rather than "a nonwoven web laminate". "Clean" and "marked" versions of these claims are submitted.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for acknowledging receipt of the corrected formal drawings of Figures 5, 6 and 7 and for removing the previous objection to those drawings. Applicants also acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claims 11-15.